

(For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9989.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ALIEN SMUGGLING/HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims' Rights concluded hearings to examine deterrence of alien smuggling and human trafficking, focusing on these as two distinct crimes posing challenges for international law enforcement, legislative and law enforcement efforts, the nature of the offenses, the evolution of trafficking and smuggling networks, coordination with foreign law en-

forcement, reorganization of resources within the Department of Justice, interagency and international cooperation, significant prosecutions, and sentencing and penalty issues, after receiving testimony from John Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Paul K. Charlton, United States Attorney, District of Arizona, and Jane J. Boyle, United States Attorney, Northern District of Texas, all of the Department of Justice; Charles H. Demore, Interim Assistant Director of Investigations, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Robert L. Harris, Deputy Chief, United States Border Patrol, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Sharon B. Cohn, International Justice Mission, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 92 public bills, H.R. 2896–2987; and 18 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 260–269, and H. Res. 242–249, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1303, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference, amended (H. Rept. 108–239);

Conference report on H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 108–240); and

H.R. 1561, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patent fees, amended (H. Rept. 108–241).

Pages H7718–64, H7781

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Solis motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, the All American Tax Relief Act by a nay-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 447, and later rejected the Bishop motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 449.

Pages H7622–30, H7644, H7645–46

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2859, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the FY 2003 by a recorded vote of 352 yeas to 60 noes, Roll No. 459.

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Rejected the Toomey amendment that seeks to offset the cost of the bill by rescinding already appropriated unobligated FY03 discretionary funds (rejected by a nay-and-nay vote of 111 yeas and 300 nays, Roll No. 458).

Pages H7650–54, H7714

The House agreed to H. Res 339, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill and agreed to the Hastings amendment to the rule by voice votes. The Hastings amendment made in order an amendment to be offered by Representative Toomey or his designee.

Pages H7637–44

Earlier agreed to order the previous question on the rule and the amendment by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 448.

Pages H7644–45

Late Reports: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight of July 30 to file a privileged report making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for FY04.

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VA/HUD Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2861, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by a nay-and-nay vote of 316 yeas to 109 nays, Roll No. 456.

Pages H7655–H7713

Agreed to:

Kirk amendment No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that requires a report on sharing agreements between the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense;

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Hastings amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that increases funding for the EPA Environmental Programs and Management by \$550,000;

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Walsh amendment that strikes language dealing with health effect studies on drinking water contaminants, Sec. 408 dealing with contracts, and Sec. 409 dealing with American made goods and services;

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Dingell Amendment No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that increases funding for the EPA Office of Enforcement by \$1 million for enforcement of bilateral agreements;

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Fattah amendment to increase funding for Hope VI, public housing revitalization program \$4.5 million;

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Smith of New Jersey amendment No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that restores funding for VA Medical Emergency Preparedness Centers (agreed to by a recorded vote of 347 ayes to 77 noes, Roll No. 451);

Pages H7687–88, H7708–09

Hall amendment No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that allocates \$15 million for the Space Shuttle Life Extension Program to develop concepts to increase crew survivability;

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Capps amendment No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that increases funding to clean up leaking underground storage tanks by \$7.3 million;

Pages H7690–91

Sanders amendment No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that allows the VA to conduct outreach or marketing to enroll veterans in VA programs;

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Nadler amendment that increases funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS by \$5 million;

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Allen amendment that prohibits EPA from using a numerical estimate that devalues the lives of older individuals;

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Lynch amendment No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that expresses the sense of Congress that no veteran should wait more than 30 days for an initial doctors appointment with the VA;

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Bishop amendment that continues the ban on human testing of pesticides;

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Inslee amendment that increases funding for the EPA Office of Compliance and Enforcement by \$5.4 million in salaries and expenses for 54 positions;

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Nadler amendment No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that increases funding for Section 8 housing vouchers by \$150 million (agreed to by recorded vote of 217 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 453);

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Jackson-Lee amendment that prohibits funds from being used for voluntary separation incentive payments unless NASA certifies that such payments would not result in a loss of skilled workers;

Pages H7699–H7700

Rejected:

Stearns amendment No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that sought to increase funding for medical and prosthetic research by \$5 million (rejected by recorded vote of 154 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 452);

Pages H7689–90, H7709–10

Meeks amendment that sought to prohibit funds for terminating services by the Department of Veterans Affairs at the medical facility in St. Albans, Queens, New York;

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Markey amendment that sought to increase funding for the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund by \$114 million (rejected by recorded vote of 114 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 454);

Pages H7700–02, H7710–11

Lee amendment that sought to increase funding for Homeless Assistance Grants by \$83 million (rejected by recorded vote of 192 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 455);

Pages H7705–06, H7711–12

Withdrawn:

Moran of Kansas amendment No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, that was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that would have increased the reimbursement rate for veterans traveling to health care facilities; and

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Moore amendment that was offered but subsequently withdrawn, would have required the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress 60 days before closing any VA hospital.

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Point of Order Sustained Against:

Smith en bloc amendments Nos. 17 and 18 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that sought to increase funding for veterans health care;

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Edwards amendment that sought to increase funding for veterans health care;

Pages H7706–08

H. Res. 338, providing for consideration of the bill was passed by a nay-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 450.

Pages H7630–37, H7646

Summer District Work Period: The House passed H. Con. Res. 259, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a nay-and-nay vote of 376 yeas to 40 nays, Roll No. 457.

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State Children's Health Insurance Program: The House passed H.R. 2854, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

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Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act: The House passed S. 1015, to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases—clearing the measure for the President.

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Prison Rape Elimination Act: The House passed S. 1435, Prison Rape Elimination Act—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H7764–71

Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office, Hartford, Connecticut: The House passed H.R. 2746, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the “Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building.”

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National Marina Day: The House agreed to H. Res. 323, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Marina Day.

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Order of Business—District of Columbia Appropriations Act: Agreed by unanimous consent to that it be in order at any time for the Speaker as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule 18 to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of H.R. 2765, District of Columbia Appropriations Act which shall proceed according to the order as announced. Subsequently agreed that H. Res. 334 be laid on the table.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 3.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2003, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 259, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tom Davis of Virginia or if not available to perform this duty Representative Wolf or Representative Bartlett to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 3, 2003.

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Appointment of Inspector General: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker, Ma-

jority leader, and Minority Leader of Mr. Steven A. McNamara of Sterling, Virginia to the position of Inspector General for the House of Representatives for the 108th Congress effective January 3, 2003.

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Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Kennedy of Rhode Island to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Lantos and Frost to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Filner to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7715.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 62 was referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and International Relations. S. Con. Res. 40 was held at the desk.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7788.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five nay-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7644, H7644–45, H7645–46, H7646, H7708–09, H7709–10, H7710, H7710–11, H7711–12, H7712, H7713, H7714, and H7714–15. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 259, the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2003, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 259, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1829, amended, Federal prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003; H.R. 292, Korean War Veterans Recognition Act of 2003; H. Res. 234, condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans; H.R.